

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2009, Applicants have carefully considered the issues raised by the Examiner and address them herein. The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 9-15 and 24-25 are allowed.

Although Applicants disagree that cited prior art renders claims 26-28 obvious, to expedite favorable prosecution of this application, Applicants have cancelled claims 26-28 without prejudice and intend to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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